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#### In brief

#### **Heart Link session**

The quarterly Heart Link session at Tyndall Air Force Base is scheduled for 8.a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 21 at the enlisted club.

Thirty spouses are needed to attend this session. Spouses of permanentparty members or students, with less than five years in the military environment, are invited to register for the free program.

For more information, call the family support center at 283-4204/4205.

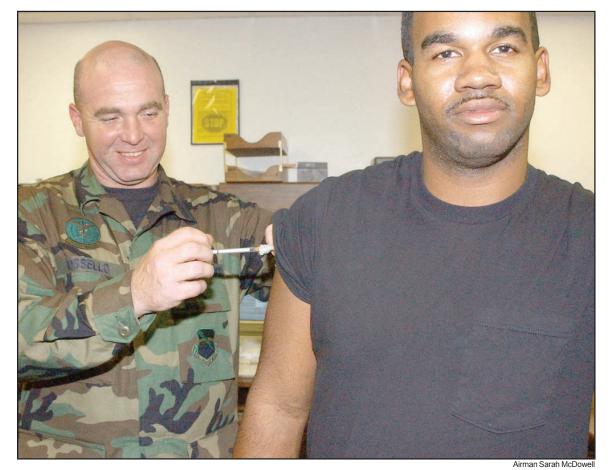
#### Recruiting team visit

Would you like to have the chance to choose your next assignment and possibly manage your own office near or in your home state? If so, the Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Briefing Team may have the answer to your Air Force future. The AETC team will host a special duty assignment opportunities briefing 10 a.m. Nov. 20 in the 325th Air Control Squadron Auditorium (senior airmen through master sergeants with less than 17 years total active service will be considered).

In addition to volunteers, recruiting officials encourage those people who were identified by the Air Force Personnel Center, and who were approved by their commander for recruiting duty, to attend the briefing, as well as individuals in a mandatory retraining career field.

#### **Commissary open**

The commissary will be open during its normal hours Tuesday despite the federal holiday.



#### Flu shots

Master Sgt. Pedro Rossello, 325th Medical Operations Squadron, administers a flu shot to Senior Airman Samuel Lewis, 325th Mission Support Squadron. Flu shots for active-duty military members are mandatory. To make it easier for members, hospital personnel will be the Spiritual Maintenance building on the operations side of the base on Monday, Thursday and Oct. 17-18, 20, 24-25 from 6-11 a.m. each day and Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. to administer the

## More than 500 selected for chief stripe

BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force 2003 chief master sergeant promotion board has selected 526 senior master sergeants for promotion to the service's highest enlisted rank.

The promotion list was released Wednesday. The complete list of selectees is posted on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web page.

"The Air Force has once again chosen a group of senior master sergeants who have proven they have what it takes," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, chief of the enlisted promotion and military testing branch at the

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE center here. "Their hard work, years of experience, dedication to development through military and civilian education, and test preparation, have set them apart as a select group ready to lead as chief master sergeants."

> The board, considered 2,649 senior master sergeants and selected 19.86 percent — 6.86 percent above the minimum promotion rate objective of 13 percent. Last year's selection rate was 19.93 percent. The board convened Oct. 6-17.

> The average score for those selected was 664.14, with an average time in grade and time in service of 3.48 and 22.24 years

respectively. The average score was based on the following point averages:

- 135 for Enlisted Performance Reports.
  - 27.89 for time in grade.
  - 23.11 for time in service.
  - 23.79 for decorations.
- 67.93 for the Air Force supervisory examination.
- 386.44 for the promotion board score.

More information is available at local military personnel flights.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

#### Tyndall selections

The following Team Tyndall individuals were selected for promotion to chief master sergeant:

Richard Acevedo, 325th Maintenance Squadron James Davidson, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Betina Henderson, 325th Fighter Wing Patrick Abbott, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency Daniel Sacks, AFCESA

## Tyndall remembers Veterans Day

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW 325th Fighter Wing commander



Tuesday is Veterans Day. It is a day when the wing and much of government dedicate the day in remembrance of and

in respect for the men and women who have served our nation and honor veterans for their willingness to serve and sacrifice for the good of our nation.

Veterans Day was originally coined Armistice Day, in recognition of the Armistice signed at Versailles in 1918 that ended World War I. It has evolved over the years as a day to recognize all veterans, and to remember American soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who have died in combat, paying the highest price to ensure our freedom. Their legacy and commitment to protecting our nation's freedoms and interests is passed to us.

As veterans ourselves, it is important that we continue to exemplify the quality of "service before self." Tuesday is



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not a day that we should rest on our laurels; rather, it is an opportunity to serve our community, our families and those distinguished people who have worn the uniform before us. I encourage you to support local efforts to recognize veterans, such as the parade in Panama City. The Veterans Day parade begins at 9 a.m. and events will conclude at 11 a.m., the eleventh hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month, in remembrance of when the armistice went into effect in 1918. Many squadrons and organizations are sponsoring events to recognize the area's veterans, and I encourage you to get involved in those

events as well.

Another event to get involved in is the Tops in Blue show. Thursday the Air Force's premier traveling variety show will display their musical and entertainment talents at the Marina Civic Center, when "Tops in Blue" visits our area. Tickets will be available free of charge at the Community Activities Center. For more information, see the advertisement in the Funshine News on page 14. Tops in Blue puts on a world-class show and represents the Air Force's best.

Speaking of some of the Air Force's

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#### **Action Line**

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

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BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW 325th Fighter Wing commander

## Gen. Cook sends Veterans Day greeting

GEN. DON COOK

Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas

(AETCNS) — Throughout the course of our country's history, countless men and women have dedicated their lives to ensure every American citizen has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

These soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines embodied the motto of service before self and proved their devotion to their country time and again.

From America's war for independence to today's war on terrorism, members of the United States military have defended and will continue to defend our fundamental rights. They have

States military have defended and will continue Gen. Don Cook to defend our fundamental rights. They have given their and we time, their heart and, in many cases, their lives so all Americans can live free of tyranny. I am proud to count all the To the

members of AETC among those following in their footsteps.

This year on Veterans Day, we honor their noble sacri-

fices and re-dedicate our efforts to preserve peace and en-

during freedom in the wake of the challenges and threats of the 21st century.

As our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines deploy around the world engaging in the fight against terrorism, those who served before them remain a constant inspiration. They serve as a reminder of the ideals our military lives by and the ideals we have sworn to protect. It is so simple a phrase—Duty, Honor, Country—but it means so much to so many throughout our country's history.

On Nov. 11, let us pause to honor the men and women who served and those who continue to serve our United States.

To those veterans, past and present, I salute you.

### I married a super hero

ALI LEONE

Carolina Flyer contributing writer

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AFPN) — I am blessed to be part of an elite group. You see, I am married to a super hero. He's not a super star, rock star or even a politician — not that I would necessarily brag about that in this day and age. He's not even rich. But he is even better than all of those things combined — he is a member of the U.S. armed forces.

Until recently, I viewed my husband only as a wonderful partner and outstanding father. And as the "annoying one" who left a mess for me to clean up and sounds like he is sawing logs in his sleep.

But while talking to my best friend's son, Seth, on the phone last night, I began to see him in a new light. I asked Seth what he was going to be for Halloween

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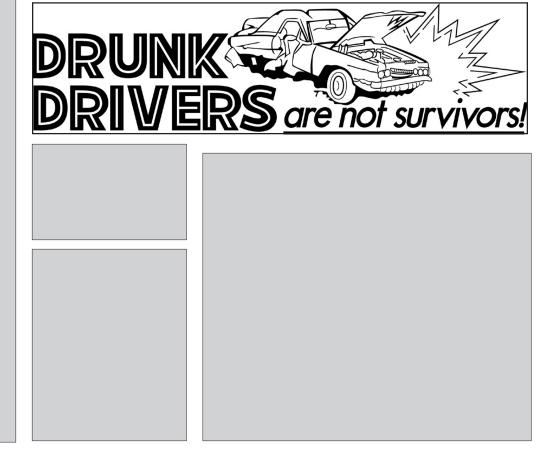
finest, five Team Tyndall senior master sergeants have been selected for appointment to the top enlisted grade in the Air Force, chief master sergeant. The title of "Chief" is bestowed on the top one percent of all enlisted people. It is a testament to their dedication. commitment to excellence and service before self, that earned the following people a promotion to the rank of chief master sergeant: Richard Acevedo, 325th Maintenance Squadron; James Davidson, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Betina Henderson, 325th Fighter Wing Command Post; Patrick Abbott, Headquarters, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency and Daniel Sacks, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency. My heartiest congratulations and best wishes, I hope you are as proud of your accomplishment as I am of you.

Last week, we celebrated the achievements of our wing quarterly award winners. These folks are truly critical to our base accomplishing its varied missions and they can be looked upon as outstanding examples of integrity, service and excellence. Congratulations to 325th Fighter Wing Airman of the Quarter, Senior Airman Kelsi Basom, 325th Medical Group; NCO of the Quarter, Technical Sgt. James Melton, 325th MDG; Senior NCO of the Quarter, Senior Master Sgt. Trevor Honosky, 325th Maintenance Group;

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, Capt. Erika Geitner, 325th MDG; Civilian of the Quarter, Category 1, Mrs. Debbie Thompson, 325th MDG; and Civilian of the Quarter, Category 2, Michael Rosenthal, 325th Mission Support Group. Congratulations to all our award winners. My thanks on a job well done, and keep up the great work!

Also announced last week was our volunteer of the quarter recipient, Mrs. Karen Sugg. Mrs. Sugg volunteers at family services, the Tyndall library, the base chapel and in the community at Rutherford High School. Her involvement touches many lives. Volunteers truly go above and beyond the call of duty and their contributions make a huge difference to our airmen and mission accomplishment. Volunteer of the quarter is a title that means something very special, because volunteerism is the very epitome of service before self. Karen, my personal thanks for your exceptional service, you are truly deserving of your award and we appreciate you making a difference in the lives of others.

As you look to next week, and the celebration and reflection of Veterans Day, I hope you'll take a moment to reflect on your contributions to our nation's defense and the contributions made by generations of service members before us. Be safe and have a great week! Thank you for all you do for our Air Force.



# ARTICLES<sup>8</sup>

The following adverse actions took place at Tyndall in October.

#### Article-15s:

- → A senior airman from the 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$50 per month for two months, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for dereliction of duty for failing to follow technical orders.
- → A senior airman from the 325th AMXS received forfeiture of \$100 per month for two months, 45 days extra duty, 45 days restriction to Tyndall and a reprimand for wrongful use of marijuana.
  - → An airman from the 325th AMXS

received a suspended reduction to airman basic, 45 days extra duty, 45 days restriction to Tyndall, and a reprimand for failure to go, dereliction of duty for failing to possess vehicle registration and making a false official statement.

- → An airman from the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron received a reduction to airman basic and a reprimand for wrongful use of marijuana.
- → An airman first class from the 81st Test Support Squadron received a reduction to airman, 30 days correctional custody and a reprimand for dereliction of duty for underage drinking.
  - → An airman first class from the nical training.

325th Communications Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$50 per month for two months, 10 days extra duty and a reprimand for dereliction of duty for underage drinking.

- → An airman first class from the 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron received a reduction to airman, and a reprimand for disorderly conduct and discredit to service.
- → An airman first class from the 325th MOS received a suspended reduction to airman, 60 days restriction to Tyndall, and a reprimand for drunk driving and dereliction of duty for breaking phase, a set of rules effective during technical training.

## Airman charged with drug use

During a special court-martial here Oct. 8, Airman 1st Class Jeremy Victory, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, pled guilty before a military judge and admitted to using cocaine between seven and eight times as far back as January 2003.

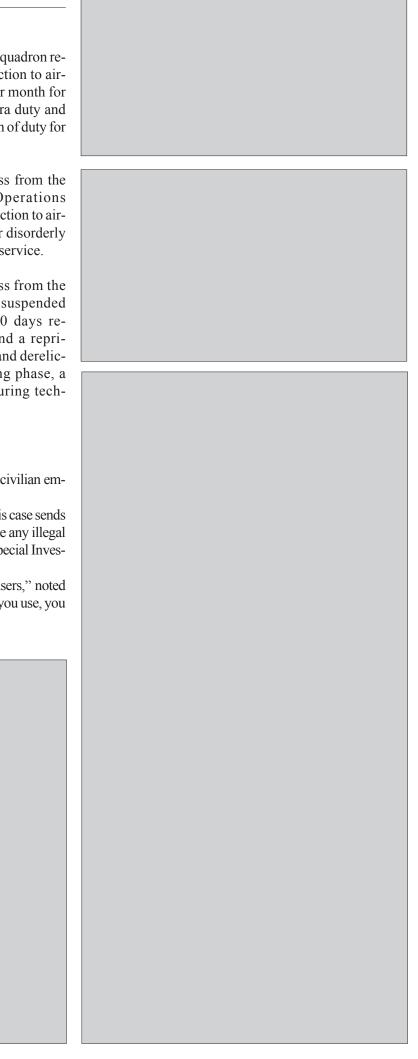
After hearing arguments from both the government and the defense counsel, the Judge returned a sentence of five months confinement, reduction to E-1 and a bad conduct discharge.

In addition to serving time in jail, Airman Victory will have to report a federal conviction and a punitive discharge for the rest of his life that may adversely impact future civilian employment opportunities.

Trial counsel, Capt. Craig Crimmins, hopes this case sends the message that if someone is approached to use any illegal substances that he or she contact the Office of Special Investigations, security forces or the local police.

"The Air Force has zero tolerance for drug users," noted Capt. Bryon Gleisner, assistant trial counsel, "if you use, you will be caught and punished."

(Courtesy 325th Fighter Wing legal office)



## Team Tyndall recognizes quarterly award winners

Tyndall Air Force Base celebrated the "best of the best" at the third quarterly awards luncheon held at the enlisted club last week. The nominees in each category competed at several levels to reach the Team Tyndall competition and include members from the 325th Fighter Wing and associate units. The competition was fierce at each level, with the 325th Medical Group garnering the majority of awards this quarter. One winner was named in each category. The Team Tyndall winners are:

Senior Airman Kelsi Basom, 325th Medical Group, Team Tyndall Airman of the Quarter. Airman Basom, significantly enhanced the availability and provision of medial care for more than 20,000 beneficiaries. Her insight contributed to scheduling changes that increased access by 20 percent for 148 additional patient visits each month. Her management of clinic medical record coding boosted compliance from 97 to 100 percent, topping Air Force standards.

**Tech. Sgt. James Melton**, 325th Medical Group, Team Tyndall NCO of the Quarter. Sergeant Melton managed \$350,000 in resources and led seven members in three clinics,

optimizing care for 15,000 beneficiaries. He directed implementation of 15 scheduling templates for three providers, saving \$7,000 in civilian referral costs. His screening of mobility medical records was instrumental to flawless processing and a wing "Excellent" operational readiness inspection rating.

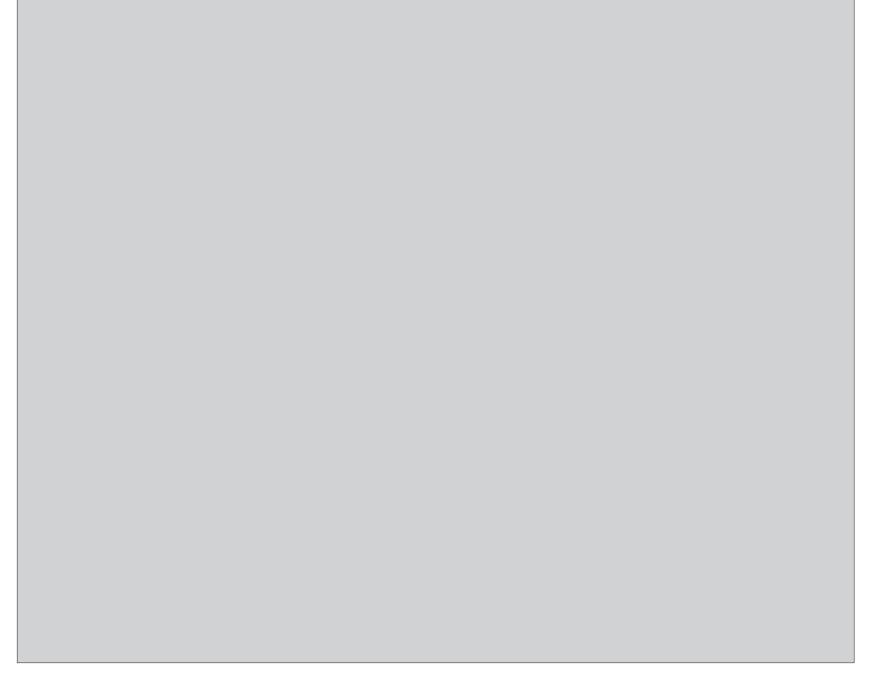
Senior Master Sgt. Trevor Honosky, 325th Maintenance Group, Team Tyndall Senior NCO of the Quarter. Sergeant Honosky distinguished himself as maintenance superintendent, 2nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, leading 234 maintainers to close out the FY03 flying hour program with 5,847 hours. He is pursuing a degree through Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and leads the squadron enlisted club membership drives as committee member.

Capt. Erika Geitner, 325th Medical Group, Team Tyndall Company Grade Officer of the Quarter. Captain Geitner significantly improved patient care as the allergy extender, providing oversight of allergy treatments, while saving \$15,000 in civilian referrals. She was a volunteer for a 14-member Air Force team on a two-week humanitarian medical mission to Guatemala, where she cared for hundreds of patients daily

and delivered a 1-month premature baby in an impoverished village.

**Debbie Thompson**, 325th Medical Group, Team Tyndall Civilian of the Quarter (Category One). Mrs. Thompson meticulously maintained a medical case database for more than 26,000 civilian referrals, supporting six clinics, 22 providers and 16,701 patients. She validated completion of \$450,000 dollars in specialty care, while processing more than 4,500 new referrals. Her dedicated efforts consistently exceeded the facility's standard for referral return rate by 10 percent Michael Rosenthal, 325th Mission Support Group, Team Tyndall Civilian of the Quarter (Category II). Mr. Rosenthal has demonstrated unparalleled technical prowess, leadership, and impeccable integrity as part of the 325th Communications Squadron Radio Maintenance work center. His outstanding technical skills were exhibited in his rapid reconfiguring of the air control complex voice recorder to accommodate three additional inputs. This brought Tyndall into compliance with strict FAA regulations.

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# Solid waste, past practices show need for continued reform, reductions

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(Editor's note: This is the second installment in four-part series on Tyndall Air Force Base's environmental stewardship programs.)

Protecting 29,000 acres of public land from all types of solid waste is no small task for the team of experts at Tyndall Air Force Base's 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight. Public laws prohibit solid waste from being disposed of on base, and as a result, waste must be sent to public landfills. This means the environmental flight has to find new and innovative ways to remove and reduce solid waste generated on Tyndall and meet federal, state and Department of Defense requirements.

This year, more than 47,000 tons of solid waste was generated at Tyndall. Out of these thousands of tons of waste material, the environmental flight devised ways to divert more than 39,600 tons of non-hazardous solid waste into the various recycling programs and sent more than 3,400 tons of waste to the local incinerator at a steam-powered electrical power plant. The base has saved more than \$5.7 million in landfill usage fees at the estimated rate of \$144 per ton for the diverted solid waste.

"The 325th Services Squadron, with the help of the environmental flight, has established a successful recycling program," said Bert Lent, 325th CES solid waste program manager. "Last year, approximately 652 tons of cardboard, 52 tons of paper, 328 tons of scrap metal that included aluminum cans, 24 tons of plastic and 27 tons of glass were recycled on base. These items were diverted from the landfill, saving the base more than \$1 million in tipping fees."

Robert Myers, the 325th SVS recycling manager, regularly collects recyclables from work centers, dropoff points and family housing and uses monies generated by their sales to help support the recycling program. If a profit is shown, a percentage of the monies go to the base's morale, welfare and recreation program.



Jose Cintron, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron's hazardous waste manager, packages flourescent light bulbs for disposal.

"When we combine our entire waste reduction efforts, you can see significant results," said Mr. Lent. "Items such as glass, concrete and asphalt are heavy and people don't often pay for these items. So we found ways to crush and reuse them. This is where we save money in construction costs, tipping fees and best of all, we send less to land-fills."

"In our hazardous waste reduction program, we found buyers for fluorescent light tubes, spent antifreeze, used oil filters and refrigerant," said Jose Cintron, 325th CES environmental flight. "These items will no longer showup in the landfills, we again save tipping fees and, in some cases, we are paid for the items, or we have a reduced cost share in transportation fees."

Tyndall started the current trend of solid waste reductions to landfills in 1996. Air Force guidance mandated an initial reduction goal of 30 percent using the 1992 solid waste collection figures. Revised Air Force guidance now compounds a 5 percent reduction until a target goal of 40 percent reduction is achieved by 2004 and 2005.

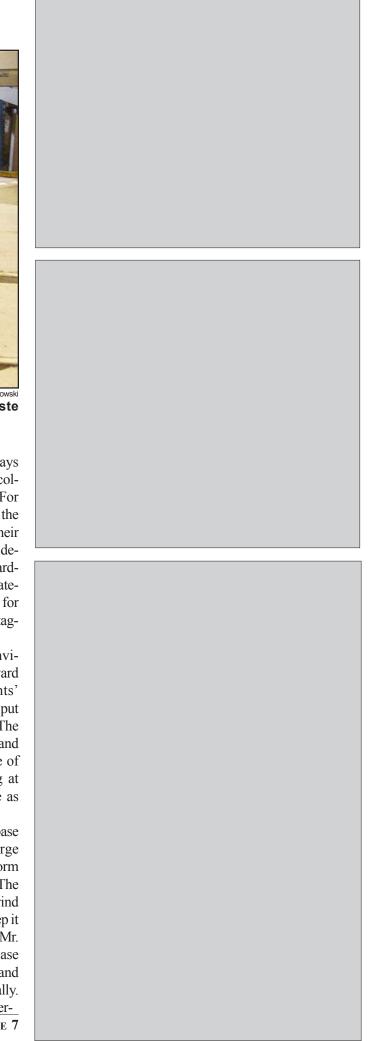
"We have exceeded the Air Force goals each year," said Mr. Cintron. "Last year we reached a combined landfill diversion rate of more than 72 percent.

"We are continuing to look at ways to reduce more organic material collected on base," said Mr. Lent. "For example, we have a staging site for the base street sweepers to dispose of their refuse. We analyzed the sweepers debris and determined it was not hazardous. Once a year we retest the material and, if it is clean, we can use it for filler, cover or just leave it in the staging area."

According to Mr. Lent, the environmental flight is also looking toward recycling base housing residents' leaves and other yard debris being put in the general garbage pick-up. The base has more than 900 residents and pays \$144.80 per ton for this type of waste disposal. "We are looking at ways to divert this organic waste as well," added Mr. Lent.

After Hurricane Opal struck the base in the mid-'90s, there was a large amount of organic material in the form of downed trees and broken limbs. The base contracted for a chipper to grind this material at a staging area to keep it out of the local landfill according to Mr. Lent. In this same staging area, the base continues to collect downed trees and limbs to chip or incinerate periodically. Program officials are also consider-

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ing ways to offer wood chips to base residents for their use, again keeping more potentially recyclable materials out of landfills, said Mr. Lent.

Also, Tyndall has a small arms training indoor range that collects spent bullets, creating a waste that is also recycled according to Mr. Lent. "Of course this method is better and more environmen-

tally friendly than in past years, where the bullets were lodged in a small hill behind the targets, and then we had to pay for the entire hill's removal because it was classified as hazardous waste with lead fragments. The collected bullets are now potential candidates for scrap metal recycling, eliminating them from the hazardous waste stream."

If the base managed the bullets as haz-

ardous waste, documentation from turn-in through disposal would have to be generated and maintained by the base. This waste stream would also be reported in the Environmental Protection Agency biennial report. By recycling the lead as scrap metal, instead of paying \$1.02 per pound for disposal, Tyndall is now paid 4 cents per pound. This results in a net benefit of \$1.06 per pound to the base. In the past two years

Tyndall has generated more than 3,000 pounds of spent bullets.

"We continue to find ways to reduce the amount of waste and especially hazardous waste put into landfills," said Mr. Cintron. "The environment should be everyone's concern. At the environmental flight we continue to explore new ways every year to improve the collection, recycling and disposal options for solid waste."





isa Carroll

Sergeant Rivers is awarded the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Col. Doug Cochran, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Rivers for instituting the flying requirement management system continuity book for local use which was eventually adopted by Air Education and Training Command for use throughout the command.

#### Tech. Sgt. Rickey Rivers

**Duty title:** NCO in charge of squadron aviation resource management

Unit: 95th Fighter Squadron Time on station: 3 years Time in service: 16 years Hometown: Savannah, Ga.

**Hobbies:** Coaching and participating in sports activities **Goals:** Owning a land development

corporation.

Favorite thing about Tyndall: Weather and local community Pet peeves: Air Force members lacking military professionalism Favorite book: "7 Habits of Highly

Effective People"

Favorite movie: "John 'Q"

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

## **Squadron maintains communication**

AIRMAN SARAH McDowell

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

From the earliest of hieroglyphic writings on pyramid walls to the sending of instant electronic messages over the Internet, humans have constantly evolved communication tools to meet their needs.

The communication needs at an Air Force base are as diverse as that of a community outside its safe walls, but on a different level because of the added need for constant advanced technology and security.

The 325th Communications Squadron provides Team Tyndall with advanced communications, computer, information management systems, air traffic control systems maintenance, visual information support, communications security and postal services.

The squadron maintains more than \$120 million dollars of equipment for the 325th Fighter Wing, the 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group and more than 29 other associate units on Tyndall. It has about 250 members that represent 17 Air Force Specialty Codes in four different flights.

"The men and women of this squadron are true warriors and some of the finest professionals I've ever known," said Lt. Col. Norman Eckert 325th CS commander. "They never cease to amaze me with their accomplishments, and their morale is unbelievable."

"People think of the Communications Squadron as only computers, but there is more to it," said Capt. Allyne Castillo, information system flight commander.

"We provide services that many folks don't realize fall under our umbrella," Colonel Eckert said.

The information systems flight is the command post for information systems and monitors the entire base's computer network, said 2nd Lt. Kyle Takamura 325th CS information officer.

Information systems check all 5,500 - plus computers for quickly spread viruses and

send patches to computers to prevent them, Captain Castillo said. Other preventative factors users should check are floppy disks, being careful of e-mailing to and



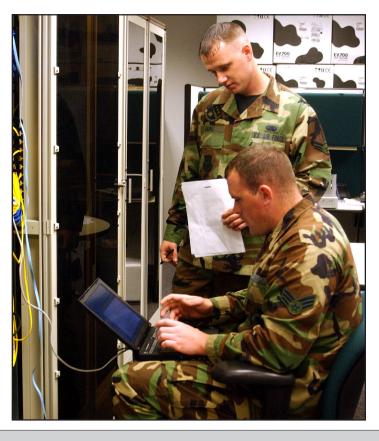
Staff Sgt. Trinity Bolman briefs 2nd Lt. Kyle Takamura on the precision approach radar that provides precise altitude, range, and flight course information to Tyndall's air traffic controllers to land aircraft during reduced visibility conditions.

from home accounts, and being careful of strange and suspicious e-mail.

The mission systems flight affects many, if not all, jobs on the base. Its members work closely with other units on and off base, according to Capt. Tammy Dunnivant, mission systems flight commander. They assist security forces with

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Senior Airman Jon White and **Airman 1st Class** Eric Goins, 325th Communications Squadron network infastructure technicians, search the network at Air Civil Force Engineer **Support Agency** Headquarters for a computer virus to make sure none of the computers are infected.



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security systems, civil engineers with communication requirements for new construction, the operations group with air traffic control and landing systems and local companies for commercial communications. The flight also provides services and support for radios, telephones and public address systems.

"We are essential to this base's mission. Without the mission systems flight, planes don't fly, local area networks don't work, phones aren't fixed and radios don't work. All you are left with is snail mail and runners," Captain Dunnivant said.

The plans flight manages the installation of all communication projects on Tyndall AFB and on a day-to-day basis manages

about 130 communications requirements, said Senior Master Sgt. Carol Cox, plans flight superintendent.

"When units have a new operational requirement that requires communications, if they contact us early enough, we may be able to provide funding," Sergeant Cox said.

The communications support flight provides information management services to Tyndall AFB through records management, administrative communications, information management training and multimedia services, said Master Sgt. Sandra Haines information management functional manager.

"The flight provides information managers with the training they need to perform

in a wide variety of units with a large number of people and multiple tasks, Sergeant Haines said. "We process a large amount of official mail that Tyndall receives and make sure that security is maintained."

"We have a great graphics shop who design and produce most of the artwork for Tyndall patches and posters. We interact with every unit on base in some way, be it mail services, training your records custodian or your workgroup manager and taking official photos of unit functions," Sergeant Haines said.

"Communications is an absolutely critical part of Tyndall's air dominance and training mission," Colonel Eckert said.

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## Legal staff offers multitude of services

TECH. SGT. ALPHONSO OVERTON

325th Fighter Wing legal office

"You went to the legal office? Are you in trouble? Isn't that where you go to get court-martialed or receive an Article 15?"

While that is an important part of the duties, the 325th Fighter Wing's office of the staff judge advocate — also known as the Tyndall legal office — offers a broad range of legal services for Tyndall customers.

One of the primary ways the legal office helps military members is through legal assistance. Active-duty military members and their dependents can discuss legal matters with any one of six attorneys. However, if the matter involves the Air Force, or is criminal or commercial in nature, the legal office cannot offer legal assistance. Legal assistance is performed without appointments. The legal assistance hours are from 8-9 a.m. Mondays and from 2-3 p.m. Wednesdays, except on holidays.

For emergency situations, the legal office will try to accommodate customers to the best of its ability. Just contact the office for availability. Remember, clients must have a valid military identification card to receive legal assistance. Guard and Reserve members must be on Title 10 orders to receive legal assistance. Otherwise, Guardsmen and Reservists are only entitled to wills and powers of attorney. Newly added to the list of authorized personnel are foreign military members and their dependents assigned to the United States, either permanently or temporarily, under official orders. However, services are limited for these personnel.

The office also provides a one-day will process. The staff will draft, print, execute and notarize will documents in the same day, usually in about an hour. To offer such expedient service, customers must schedule an appointment. Wills are completed from 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-11 a.m. Thursdays. For those who need complex estate planning, they need to see a civilian attorney.

Another service available through the legal office is no-



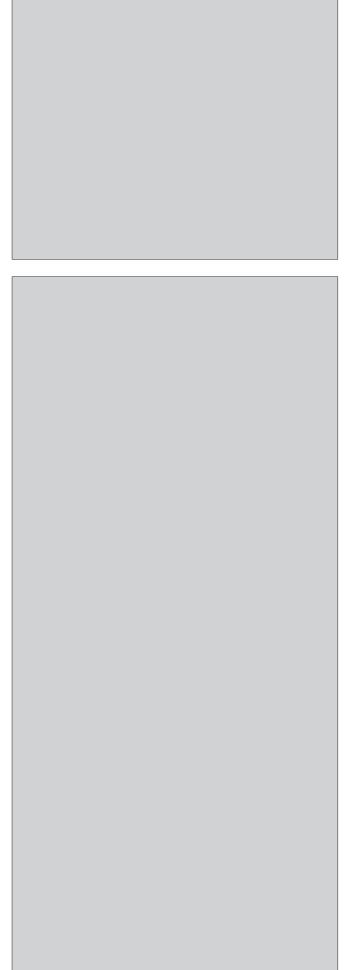
Tech. Sgt. Alphonso Overton, 325th Fighter Wing legal office, helps customer Master Sgt. Matt Standish, 325th Services Squadron.

tary service. Often confused with certification, notarization is merely verifying the identification of the individual signing a particular document. Anyone entitled to legal assistance can have a document notarized from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Also available daily are powers of attorney. POAs can be made for almost any situation. These give power to a person you designate to do something in your name. Some examples are short/long-term child care, buying/selling a house or automobile and managing savings/checking accounts. General POAs are also available, which give your designee full power to do basically anything in your name. For this reason, and the fact that many places — such as the base finance office — will not accept general POAs, it is sug-

gested special POAs be used instead. There are more than 40 types of POAs at the Tyndall Legal Office.

For information, call 283-4681.



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and he told me a super hero. I laughed and asked him which one. He sighed heavily into the phone and said, "Well, of course, I am going to be a military soldier."

Having never met him, I told Seth that my husband was in the military. He got really excited and asked, "You're married to a super hero? You're a super hero's wife?"

I was somewhat surprised by his hero worship of the military, but then began to realize he wasn't alone in his thinking. In those rare, but free moments, I enjoy chatting on the computer. Since my husband is the primary king of this domain, I bear his nickname each time I log on. He chose his military rank as his username.

It never fails that each time I log in and begin to chat, someone will ask me if I am a "real" servicemember. I explain to them that I am married to a servicemember, and I am a former soldier as well.

The response is always the same, "Thank

you and God bless." It then carries into a conversation about all the great men and women who serve our country, and how much they appreciate those who sacrifice so much for others whose names they don't even know.

Sometimes, I will run across a former servicemember or family member, who, like me, is proud of having served this great nation. They will often share their own experiences.

I thrive on these conversations because they offer me support and hope for the future. Being a military spouse is unique to other marriages. It can be more stressful and heart wrenching than most.

We don't see our spouses off to work, coat and briefcase in hand. We send them off to perfect their skills, train to defend and prepare for war. All the while, knowing that at any moment they may be called upon to act in defense of our country.

We deal with ever-changing schedules,

constant moves, new schools, new homes and finding new jobs each time the family relocates. Then there are the training exercises, schools and deployments that take our spouses away for months on end. Sometimes we know when they are coming home; sometimes we don't.

We hold down the home front while they are gone, keeping spirits up for our children and our spouses. And we pray. Because that's what the spouse of a super hero does.

Our super heroes do these things without fail, day in and day out—aches, pains, complaints and personal dreams set aside. They don't do it for the money or the fame; they do it out of selflessness and honor. Their love of this country runs deeper than most can fathom. Their willingness to put their lives

on the line for the protection of our nation flows through their blood.

As you can see, they sacrifice so much, and for that I take my newly bestowed title of "Super Hero Wife" very seriously.

Before hanging up the phone with my friend's son, I asked him why he thought military members were super heroes. His response was simple, but true: They are super heroes because they will give up their lives so that others might live better.

He told me that when he grew up, he was going to be in the military because he watched them on the news and knows that we are all safe, because the military defends us from all the bad guys. I, of course, agreed — but I might be a little biased. After all, I am "Super Hero Wife."

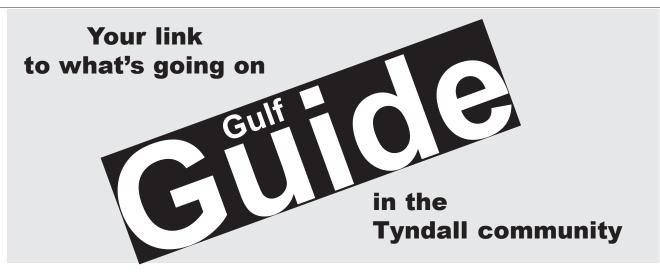
## License needed for government vehicles

All Tyndall Air Force Base members who need to operate governmentowned vehicles must possess a valid U.S. Air Force Motor Vehicle Operator Identification Card (AF Form 2293).

Trend-Western and all vehicle control officers will be enforcing compliance with Air Force Instruction 24-301 concerning licensing. The AFI outlines the licensing process.

For more information, members should contact their unit VCO or Trend Western at 283-4872/4873.

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#### **Nov. 11**

#### **Commissary closure**

The commissary will be closed Monday but will be open at 9 a.m. Tuesday, which is Veterans Day.

#### Nov. 12

#### **Transition Assistance**

The family support center is hosting a smooth move workshop from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting Wednesday at the family support center classroom. This is a three day workshop covering analyzing skills, setting personal goals, starting the job search, resume writing, interviewing skills, VA benefits and more. For more information or to make reservations call 283-4204.

#### **Notes**

#### **EIT review**

The Florida Engineering Society, Gulf Coast Chapter, will conduct a 24-lesson engineer in training exam review course from 6:30 – 9:15 p.m. Mondays through March 29 at Gulf Coast Community College. For more information call Doug Merkle at 283-6113 or 871-3132 or e-mail him at dhmerkle@aol.com.

#### Spouse scholarship

Applications for the Aerospace Education Foundation's Air Force Spouse Scholarship will be accepted from now through Jan. 30. Thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in March. To obtain an application call education services at 283-4285 or e-mail at education@tyndall.af.mil. For more information call (800) 291-8480 or e-mail at aefstaff@aef.org.

#### Military Spouse Award

Know a military spouse who exemplifies support to the community, volunteerism, selflessness or strength? A new military spouse award is now open for nominations and time is of the essence. Nominations are due by Sunday for four new awards honoring active duty, retiree, Guard or

Reserve and veteran spouses. The active duty category includes Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard spouses.

Nominations can be made online through a front page link at the Web site of the Defense Commissary Agency at <a href="https://www.commissaries.com">www.commissaries.com</a>, www.militaryshoppers.com, or <a href="https://www.avashow.com">www.avashow.com</a>. Nomination forms will also be available Monday on Procter & Gamble product displays in commissaries, or the form can be downloaded now at <a href="https://www.commissaries.com">www.commissaries.com</a>. The nomination process includes a requirement for a 500-word essay addressing one or more of the award criteria. For more information about the American Veteran Awards, go to <a href="https://www.avashow.com">www.avashow.com</a>.

#### Mom, pops and tots

From 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the community activities center there will be a Mom, Pops and Tots informal group for parents and thier children to meet other parents and observe their children interacting with each other. There will be arts, crafts, outings and guest speakers. For more information call Laurie Cambell at 286-6501 or Melissa Doyle at 785-4966.

#### **Operation Turkey Drop 2003**

There will be a top three food drive Nov. 14 at the commissary for food items. Chapel one and two will have have collection boxes as well as designated locations within each squadron. Rice, potatoes, apple sauce, stuffing mix, beans, baby food, canned veggies, sweet potatoes, biscuit mix, cake mix, frosting, pie filling, macoroni and cheese, and gravy items are need for donation. All collections are due to chapel two annex by 4:30 p.m. Nov. 21. Volunteers are needed. For more information call Chaplain Robert Sugg or Senior Airman Diogenes Cruz at 283-2925 or Master Sgt. Michael Martin at 283-3934.

#### **Retiree News**

#### COLA set at 2.1 percent

Payments to military retirees will include a 2.1 percent cost of living allowance increase based on figures announced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The COLA also affects fed-

eral retired pay, VA disability compensation, SBP survivor annuities and Social Security.

The COLA for these programs will be effective Dec. 1, and will be reflected in checks issues on Jan. 2, 2004.

Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$87,900 from \$87,000 in 2003.

Of the estimated 156 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2004, about 9.2 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum in 2004.

#### **Chapel Schedule**

#### **Catholic Services**

The following Catholic services will be held at Chapel 2: Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; Reconciliation, after Saturday Mass or by appointment; Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday.

#### **Protestant Services**

Protestant services will be as follows: Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1; religious education classes, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Building 1476; general Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

#### **Veteran's Day BX Hours**

Store	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.
Overhead office	Closed	0700-1600	Closed
Main Store	1100-1700	0900-1900	1000-1700
MCSS	Closed	0900-1700	Closed
Shoal Point	1100-1800	1100-1800	Closed
Class Six	1000-1800	0800-2200	1000-1700
Felix Lake	0600-2100	0600-2100	0600-2100
Service Station	Closed	0630-1830	Closed
Wok Works	Closed	1030-1430	Closed
Anthony's	1100-1600	1100-1600	1100-1600
Robin Hood	Closed	Closed	Closed
Franks Kiosk	Closed	Closed	Closed
Burger King	1000-1700	0600-2000	Closed
Barber Shop	1100-1600	0800-1800	Closed
Barber Shop	Closed	0730-1600	Closed
Beauty Shop	Closed	1000-1700	Closed
Laundry/Cleaners	Closed	0900-1730	Closed
Alterations	Closed	0900-1730	Closed
GNC	1000-1700	0900-1800	1000-1700
Flower Shop	Closed	0900-1800	Closed
Alltel	Closed	0900-1730	Closed
Optical Shop	Closed	1000-1800	Closed
Nail Salon	Closed	1000-1800	Closed

## American forces join Qatari basketball league



AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar — Coach Richard Byers, center, goes over some game strategy with center Bernard James, left, and guard Byron Pruitt. Byers is deployed from Tyndall's 325th Services Squadron.

MASTER SGT. WILLIAM SHARP
379th Air Expeditionary Wing public affairs

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar (AFPN) — Varsity basketball and history are in the making here, and the host nation's king may be the reason why.

The newly formed American Forces basketball team, made up of servicemembers in the area, will play a Qatari army team in the nation's capital city, Doha on Sunday. The game will mark the first time Americans have played in the league.

The team's origin occurred at a recent

meeting between the king and the area's senior military leaders. During the meeting, the king expressed interest in having his country's basketball teams play against a U.S. armed forces squad. Word quickly filtered down through various commanders in the area.

Tech. Sgt. Richard Byers, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of rations for the 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron here, agreed to help lead, recruit and coach the team.

Although league games will be played indoors, the team lacks an indoor gym and has practiced outdoors in 100-degree heat. Byers said he hopes the training will help condition

the team

"Some of the league's players also play on the Qatari national team and have been scouted by National Basketball Association teams. We know the games won't be easy," Byers said.

"We also want to have fun and, most importantly, to act as international ambassadors of basketball," he said. "As military servicemen, we understand what we're here for and the importance of our work. In that respect, we think of basketball as an international language. We'd like to use it to continue building the positive relationship the area bases have with our host nation."

International rules, like those used at the Olympics, will be used in league play. International-rules teams tend to play tough, physical defense and use a fast-paced offense. There are four city leagues. If the team does well in the league, it can move up to the next competition level where teams are better skilled.

The team's biggest challenge so far has been continuity. It has been hard to "gel" together when work schedules and frequent military transfers cause instability in the lineup, Sergeant Byers said. He counters by sticking to the basics.

"We keep it simple—run, pass, shoot," Byers said. The American team has already tested itself. It crushed a Filipino team Oct. 5, 104-42,

but Byers downplayed the lopsided victory because the opponents "didn't have all their players."

A few days later, the Americans scrimmaged against the Qatari national squad, a team which finished third in a recent all-Asia tournament. This time the Americans were without their big men and, although no score was kept, it was obvious they had been outplayed.

A former all armed forces standout player, Master Sgt. Charles Caldwell said he wants to be a catalyst toward the team having a winning season. The 6-foot 6-inch, 265-pound center and power forward is assigned to the Combined Air Operations Center here.

"I hope to bring experience and leadership to the games," said Caldwell who has played in German leagues against players seven-feet tall. "Experience is the only situation where you get to test before the lesson. That means I hope to help the younger or inexperienced players avoid mistakes before they're made.

"I also hope my size forces opponents to collapse their defense on me. That will help free up my teammates for open shots," Caldwell said.

## Tyndall Tigers sweep Moody Falcons, extend win streak



Tyndall's Tarrance Garner sinks a free throw.

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team played their first home games of the 2003-04 season as they took two victories from the visiting Falcons from Moody AFB in blow-out fashion in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference action this Saturday and Sunday. The Tigers improved their record to 6-0 (conference) and 10-0 (overall) and extended their winning streak to 14 games dating back to the 2002-03 season.

#### Tyndall-110, Moody-86

In Saturday's game, Tyndall jumped out to an early 10 point advantage that grew to as many as 18 points before the Falcons came soaring back to tie the score 40-40 at the intermission. In the second half, the Tigers turned up the defensive pressure to either force turnovers or disrupt Moody's offense. Tyndall's lead ballooned to as many as 35 points, even though the Tigers substituted liberally. Tyndall reached the century mark for the first time this season on a 3-pointer by Ryan Cunningham with 2:45 remaining, then outscored Moody 10-2 to close out the scoring and take the win.

Elvin Walker paced the Tigers in scoring with 20 points, followed by Israel Figueroa and Tarrance Garner who each tallied 15 points, Omar Johnson (14 points), Melvin Smith (11 points) and Lance Clark and Scott Moore added 10 points a piece. Moore led in rebounding with 12; Johnson led in assists with 10. Figueroa led in steals with five. Chris Jackson was Moody's leading scorer

with a game high 32 points.

#### Tyndall-104, Maxwell-68

In the second contest, Tyndall returned with the same defensive effort they had displayed in the second half of the previous game. The Tigers stifling defense and solid rebounding led to a 40-18 lead at the half. In the second half, the Tigers were never threatened by the Falcons as the Tyndall bench

was cleared at the 11:23 mark. For the first time in recent memory all 15 Tigers got into the scoring column as Tyndall again won going away.

Elvin Walker again paced the Tigers in scoring with a gamehigh 16 points, followed by Omar Johnson (15 points), Scott Moore (13 points), and Israel Figueroa, Tarrance Garner, Melvin Smith and Tommy Nixon all scored 10 points. Moore and Figueroa tied for team rebounding honors with 11 each. Johnson led in assists

and steals with six and four respectively. Chris LeDay led Moody in scoring with 15 points.

The Tigers will travel to Biloxi, Miss. this weekend to challenge the Keesler Dragons and attempt to extend their winning ways.

(Courtesy Tyndall Tigers)



Tyndall's Elvin Walker (5) shoots over Moody's Jodey Gorham (33).

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#### All Ranks Lunch

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Mon.-Thurs.: \$6.95 ■ Friday: \$7.95 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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- Sign-ups
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Attention O' & E' Personnel. Join your Tyndall AF Club by today for a chance to win travel related prizes valued from \$500 to \$5,000 just for signing up or a Sunsational Services Card good for free services: Greens Fees at Pelican Point Golf Course Open Bowling at Raptor Lanes & a Swim Pass for the base pool (2004 season) Some restrictions apply. The drive is open to all eligible nonmembers.(active duty, reserve, DoD civilians

Sign up at the O' Club business office.

#### **Coming Soon Dorm World**

Play the Game!

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#### **50TH ANNIVERSARY - TOPS IN BLUE PERFORMANCE**

November 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Marina Civic Center. Tickets available Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. at the CAC & Marina Civic Center. Limit 4 tickets per person. Sponsored in part by First Command Financial Planning, AT&T, and Tyndall Federal Credit Union No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. 283-2495

All ranks at the Officers' Club Dining Room

Thursday, November 27

Adults: \$14.95\* Children (5-11): \$6.95 Children (0-4): Free

Carving Station w/ Roast Beef and Baked Ham, Omelet Station, Waffle Station, Sliced Turkey, Stuffing, Candied Yams, Cranberries, Mashed Potatoes & Giblet Gravy, Seasonal Vegetables, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Bacon, Biscuits, Creamed Beef, Seasonal Fruit, Dessert Station, Selection of Juices, Coffee & Tea

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## Shotgun Karaoke Nov. 7

7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club Call 283-4357 for details.



#### Lodging

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NAF Property Sale
Saturday, Nov. 15, 7:30-11:30 a.m.
The Sand Dollar Inn will be conducting a
NAF property sale at the FMO
warehouse, building 1137, located next to the Security Forces canine unit on Mississippi Avenue. Buyers must remove purchased items at the time of the sale. All sales are FINAL. No exchanges, refunds, or "hand picking" items. Only CASH or pre-printed checks will be accepted.

**Lodging Programs Expanded for Holidays** 

Due to an Air Force waiver, the Sand Dollar Inn and other AETC lodging offices can take "Space A" reservations as far out as two months in advance of the Nov. 22-29 Thanksgiving holiday and the Dec. 12 to Jan. 4 Christmas and New Year's holiday. That means people can book up to an eight-day stay for Thanksgiving now and as soon as Oct. 1 for up to a 20-day stay over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

## **Retiree Golf**

Nov. 15 & 16 7:30 a.m. tee time

Cost is \$30 and does not include cart or greens fees. Must be retired from any federal government service or agency. Tees: White and Gold Prizes Sign up by noon Nov. 4 Must have certified handicap.

#### **Youth Center**

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Start Smart Archery Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 11 a.m. Open to youth ages 8 yrs. and up. Cost is \$30.

#### Youth Basketball

Registration has begun for basketball, bring birth certificate and a current physical. For complete registration info call the Youth Center.

The following facilities will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after: ITT, Bonita Bay, Skills Center. The Skills Center will be closed on Veterans Day.

HRO hours of operation on Thursdays will be 7:30 a.m-1 p.m. This is in support of an AETC requirement to conduct instillation assessments of human resources

#### Community Activity Center

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Pig Skin Picks

Forms are available at the CAC & Sports Page Pizza Pub. Prizes will be awarded. Ace the weekly Pig Skin Pick and receive one free Pizza Buffet. Sponsored in part by AA Military Benefits Group. No federal Group. endorsement of sponsor intended.

**Bonita Bay** 

Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Tyndall Paintball Field (by Sabre Gate) Bring family, friends and co-workers. Bring drinks and snacks. Equipment may be rented and paintballs will be sold. Hope to see you there!

283-3199

Each visit to the CAC Pizza Pub is your chance to win a pro game trip!



Enjoy a large, 1 topping pizza and a pitcher of Miller Lite for \$8.50 every Sunday.



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#### Skills Development Ctr.

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Basic Knitting Classes Classes are suitable for both adults and youth (ages 10 yrs. and up). Fee is \$25 and includes supplies. Maximum of 3 students per class. Classes are from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Nov. 8 & 22, Dec. 6. Stop by to register.

Travel (air and non air bookings) hours have been changed to 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Mon.-Fri. (Closed Sat. & Sun.) Starting Nov. 3. The other operations of ITT have merged with Bonita Bay and are open the same hours as Bonita Bay (closed Tue. & Wed.)

283-2499

